

Dixie Belle/Oskar's Host Happy Thanksgiving Tournament

By Chris Brown, Tournament Director

Appropriately, our first official event turned out to be a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner, hosted by Dixie Debbie at The Dixie Belle, Downey, California. If you can't make it to eat with your "real" family, I can't think of a nicer way to spend Thanksgiving than to share it with the "shuffleboard family."

The tournament lasted 3-1/2 days, with 52 players participating in three events, and a total of over \$10,000 in prize monies distributed. Out-of-towners got even with the locals this year, placing on eight of the 10 teams in the money.

Maxwell/Gardner Tops in Open Doubles

The open doubles got underway at the Dixie Belle on Friday morning with 10 teams in competition.



Phil Gardner (of Phoenix, Oklahoma and various other places) and Bill Maxwell of Downey took top honors in the open doubles.



Joe Hudson and Bob Hunt, both of North California, took second place.

Third place went to the father-and-son team of Hal and Steve Perry. Honorable mention 4th place was Nick Chaffin and Al Salazar.

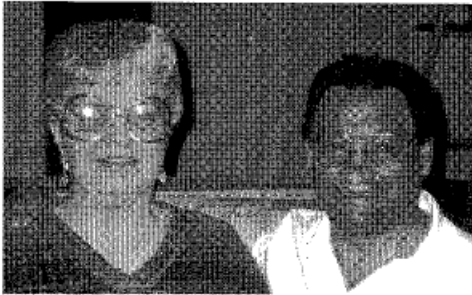
Thanks go to Freddie Thuman for being auctioneer for this event.

Chaffin/Ramos Win Amateur A-B Draw

While the open doubles battle was on at the Dixie Belle, the amateurs were waging their own competition of skill at Oskar's.



Taking first place honors were Bev Chaffin (North California) and Mike Ramos (a first win for this fairly new local player).



In second place were Connie Zavala of Las Vegas and Oscar Ugarpe, owner of Oskar's.



Third place went to Mick Diana and Vickie Hunt (North California). Honorable mention 4th place went to Frank Zavala (Las Vegas) and Garry Gareau. Thanks go to Dave Brennan for being auctioneer for this event.